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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

AN ELECTROSURGICAL SYSTEM AND METHOD

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract (1 page)
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

42 pages of specification and claims (including 64 numbered claims), and
15 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 – 15e.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on May 30, 2000 in prior application no. 09/484,225 filed January 18, 2000

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☒ continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/406,603, filed April 4, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/036,500, filed January 7, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/024,348, filed December 21, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/484,225, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,926, issued January 8, 2002, the entire contents of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☐ The prior application is assigned to Gyrus Medical Limited, Cardiff, United Kingdom,

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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